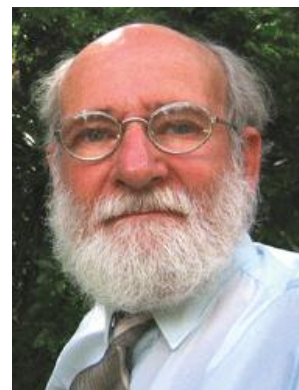


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BREAKING NEWS

Sanitation innovator Peter Morgan named 2013 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate

Over the past four decades, Dr. Peter Morgan has invented and advanced low-cost practical solutions to provide access to safe sanitation and clean water that are being used by millions of people worldwide. He now has been named the 2013 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate for his work to protect the health and lives of millions of people through improved sanitation and water technologies. "Many currently existing solutions to provide clean water and sanitation are unaffordable, impractical and out of reach for the world's poorest people," said the Stockholm Water Prize Committee in its citation. "As a result of Dr. Morgan's pioneering work to develop practical water and sanitation technologies for those most in need, countless communities now enjoy safer water, a cleaner environment and quality of life."



King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden will present the prize to Dr. Peter Morgan at a Royal Award Ceremony during the 2013 World Water Week in Stockholm on September 5.

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Official Swiss position for the Post-2015 Agenda

The Swiss government has adopted the official Swiss position for the post 2015 agenda and "a Water-secure World" is one of the four themes for which Switzerland will advocate in the UN negotiations aiming at establishing it as a dedicated goal in the Sustainable Development Agenda. We will keep you updated on negotiations at international level in the next SDC WaterNews. Please find in the links below also the more specific summary of the Swiss Position Paper on Water and the recently released 'Water Thematic Consultation Report' that incorporates contributions provided during the "World We Want" global consultations. It calls for a new development framework aimed to reduce inequalities around water through rights-based approaches to service provision and governance which integrate the management of water resources and wastewater, and improvements in water quality

[Official Swiss position for the post 2015 agenda](#)

[Summary of the Swiss position paper on water](#)

[Water Thematic Consultation Report](#)

Contact: [Manuel Thurnhofer](#), Global Programme Water Initiatives, SDC

National water experts will discuss about the 2,000-liter-society on the 26th of September 2013 in Lucerne

A broad campaign of the Schweizerischen Umweltstiftung (Swiss Foundation for Environment) aims to draw attention to the problem of global water consumption and initiates the vision of the 2000-liter-society to reduce global water consumption from 4,000 liters per person and day to 2,000 liters. A practice oriented discussion on the sustainable use of water will be held in a conference on the 26th of September in the Hotel Schweizerhof in Lucerne. The conference is the forum to comment on the real vision, to bring in ideas and to discuss the most important spheres of activity.

Closing date for online-registration is September 12, 2013

[Homepage of the 2000-liter-society](#)

[Flyer in German](#)

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HEADQUARTER ACTIVITIES

E-Discussion on Water & Mining

In the period of 27th May and 17th of June 2013 around 20 participants presenting experiences from Africa, Central Asia, Latin America and Europe submitted their inputs to the SDC e-discussion on Water & Mining. The discussion showed that water resources are very prone to be impacted by mining activities. There is a wealth of standards and knowhow related to technical approaches to overcome the issues. However more effort is needed to really apply the approaches on the ground. Solutions need to bring the different stakeholders together, to develop and agree jointly on solutions that are sustainable. The e-discussion served as basis for a SDC internal process to develop a position on how interventions regarding sustainable water resource management in mining activities can be developed and promoted.

[Download the report](#)

Contact: [Hanna Capeder](#), Global Programme Water Initiatives, SDC

Interactive and productive SDC Water Team Days 2013



44 sector practitioners from SDC, implementing agencies and partners attended the SDC Water Team Days (WTD) 2013, held on June 24/25 in Bern. The WTD are the annual face-to-face meetings of SDC's thematic network for water RésEAU. In 2013 the WTD included information on global water sector developments and SDC's response, discussions on hot topics as well as the development of the regional networks in Latin America, Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa. Manuel Thurnhofer, SDC's focal point for the RésEAU commented: "This year's meeting was one of the most interactive, productive and enjoyable. We had inspiring in-depth discussions in the open spaces around topics that were proposed by our colleagues in the field and gave us the opportunity to share knowledge, promote sector learning and stimulate mutual reflections on key issues of the water sector. Immediate feedbacks from the participants showed that this type of interaction is of most benefit for those who are exposed to field challenges."

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[More information and pictures](#)

Contact: [Manuel Thurnhofer](#), Global Programme Water Initiatives, SDC

A new-born couple: The SSWM Mini-Toolbox in Spanish and SSWM Introductory Workshops in Latin America!

The Sustainable Sanitation and Water Management (SSWM) Toolbox is an open-source capacity development tool for the local level, linking water management, sanitation and agriculture. Since 2013, 24 of more than 800 toolbox factsheets have been translated to Spanish. Coupled to the Spanish Mini-Toolbox, 3 training courses were held by seecon international in Cusco, Lima and La Paz supported by the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) for IDB's Water and Sanitation Experts and their counterparts. The way forward is to increase the partner and donor network to continue translating the SSWM Toolbox. Also, more training courses in Latin America are coming up.

[Homepage SSWM Toolbox](#)

[SSWM Mini-Toolbox in Spanish](#)

[SSWM Training Courses](#)

Contact: [SSWM Toolbox](#)

Chlorination & SODIS – a concurrent water treatment approach for schools

In 2011, SODIS/Eawag, Antenna Technologies and Helvetas started a SDC co-funded collaboration with Safe Water School projects in Bolivia, Kenya and Haiti, reaching 141 schools with 65'000 students. Due to their complementing advantages, the SODIS method and chlorination are ideally suited for a concurrent water treatment approach. The SODIS method is easy to use, has low costs and no change in water taste. Chlorination is a rapid method and treats large water volumes. To facilitate the integration of both water treatment methods, improved hygiene and sanitation management into the daily school life, an open-source Safe Water School Training Manual with 9 WASH-lessons was developed.



[Read more & download the Safe Water School Manual](#)

Contact: [Fabian Suter](#), SODIS/Eawag, Duebendorf

Empowerment through local champions network in the framework of the transboundary BRIDGE Programme

The BRIDGE (Building River Dialogue and Governance) Project, financed by the Water Diplomacy Programme of the GPWIs and implemented by IUCN, aims to build water governance capacities through learning, demonstration, leadership, and consensus-building, in particular in transboundary river basins. Initiated in mid-2010, the project is being carried out across 3 continents, in South and Central America and in Asia. One of the recent activities within BRIDGE was the Champions Net-



work, a successful programme which supports actors of change in each basin to reach out across scales, gain knowledge and boost their efforts in water cooperation. Read the [whole story here](#)

[Homepage of the BRIDGE Programme](#)

Contact: [Claire Warmenbol](#), IUCN

iDE's Global Dissemination of Micro-Irrigation to Smallholder Farmers

iDE, an international nonprofit organization who works with small holder farmers throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America is focusing on developing a network to supply micro-irrigation equipment throughout the developing world. iDE's in-house development team, designs and tests products to assure it supplies the most cost-effective, appropriate technologies to farmers. This affordable equipment includes both inline and micro-tube drip kits, water storage devices, manual and motorized pumps and various sprinkler systems. Through the organization's network of last mile distribution knowledge, they have built a supply chain to disseminate these technologies on a global scale.

[Technologies homepage of iDE](#)

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SDC and partners work together towards implementing the human right to water and sanitation in practice

More than 40 water practitioners from SDC and various partners (national and municipal authorities, regulators, service providers and NGO's) took part on the workshop "Strengthening the implementation of the HRWS in the LAC region", that was held in Matagalpa (Nicaragua) from June 3rd to 5th, 2013. The workshop was organized by SDC (AGUASAN Central America, Regional Cooperation and Global Cooperation) with support from Waterlex. It was based on the on-line tool developed by Waterlex that guides development practitioners on how to integrate the HRWS principles into project cycle management. The workshop provided participants with a common understanding of the challenges implied by the human rights based approach for water and sanitation projects and outlined a methodology to tackle those challenges.

The on-line Manual is available [in Spanish](#) and [in English](#)

Contact: [Sergio Perez](#), SDC LAC

IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

Empowerment of the Leading African Institute on Water

Demographic and climate changes pose significant challenges for Africa. Supported by SDC, the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE) of Ouagadougou has developed an applied research and training programme that meets West African needs. After a longstanding partnership with the EPFL, since 2013 2iE has begun cooperating with additional Swiss research institutions (EAWAG, HEIG/VD), thereby benefiting from a broader range of expertise. 2iE manages its new partnerships independently and share the results of its research. 2iE's aims to create a scientific environment conducive to the emergence of companies that will produce concrete water and environmental management solutions.

[More information](#) about SDC's collaboration with 2iE

[Homepage of 2iE](#)

Contact: [Charles Grandjean](#), SDC

Study tour for stakeholders from Bosnia and Herzegovina to explore constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment in Slovenia

Within the SDC funded project "Introduction into Decentralized Wastewater Management in the Una-Sana Canton – DECENT", which is facilitated by "UNA Consulting" LLC, a Study visit of project stakeholders to Slovenia was organized. The purpose of the visit was to raise awareness of the need for wastewater treatment, and to expand knowledge about innovative technologies for collection and treatment of wastewater. Emphasis was on the requirements that occur after the wetland construction (O&M), total costs of construction and revenues that are needed in order to cover those costs. Through the discussion with local people, participants learned that there were no negative experiences during the operation of constructed wetlands (no unpleasant odors, no increase in the number of insects, rodents, etc.) and that construction of such devices improves the life quality in their settlements.



[Project homepage](#)

More [news](#) of UNA Consulting

Contact: [UNA Consulting LLC](#)

LATINOSAN III: Sanitation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) requires sustained investments

The 3rd Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sanitation (LATINOSAN III) took place in Panamá, from the 26th to the 31st May, 2013. Analyses of the current situation of sanitation in the LAC region presented by the main panellists showed that still more than 24 million persons practice open-air defecation; households without access to sanitation are more common in rural than in urban areas. As things go, the sanitation-related MDG won't be attained. Faced with this reality, Governments' representatives issued the "Declaration of Panama", which coincides with SDC's postulates on sanitation and can be used as an advocacy tool to encourage decision-makers to commit necessary funds for access to sanitation in LAC.

Find more on Latinosan III [here](#) (in Spanish).

[Download the "Declaration of Panama"](#) (in Spanish)

Contact: [Sergio Perez](#), SDC LAC

International donors propose ideas to accelerate realization of human right to water and sanitation (HRWS) in Latin America and the Caribbean

SDC invited key international donors in Latin America and the Caribbean to share ideas on how to best cooperate in order to support national governments in fulfilling their responsibilities concerning the realization of the human right to water and sanitation. During a workshop that took place in Panama on the 1st of June, water and sanitation experts from the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP), the Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID) and SDC shared ideas with the UN Special Rapporteur for the HRWS, Catarina de Albuquerque, and the Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Carmen Rosa Villa, and some practical steps were proposed.

[More information](#) (in Spanish)

Contact: [Sergio Perez](#), SDC LAC

New Swiss Regional Advisor on Water and Environment based in Skopje

As from June 2013 onwards Switzerland (SECO & SDC) has a new Regional Advisor on Water and Environment for the Western Balkan region. *Frank Wiederkehr* is based in Skopje, Macedonia and will be supporting the Swiss projects in Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia. It is hoped, via his position, to accelerate the conceptualization and the implementation of the regional aspects of the Swiss water programme in the region. Frank Wiederkehr has a Masters in Biology with a focus on Ecology and a Master of Advanced Studies in Development and Cooperation (both from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich). He joined SDC in 2006, worked in Peru in a project addressing water issues in the Andes and was responsible as programme manager for Afghanistan.

[Homepage SDC Macedonia](#)

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Regional Utility Management Conference: Improving Performance in Emerging Economies

The Water Supply and Sewerage Association of Albania (Shukalb) under the patronage of International Water Association (IWA), organized a regional conference on Water Utility Management from 13.5. to 15.5.2013 in Tirana. The conference aimed at gathering experts from so called "emerging economies" to work on solutions for the improvement of the performance of water utilities in emerging economies. It became clear that public utilities (PU) face similar challenges in all emerging economies and these challenges have to be addressed as fast and efficiently as possible. However, to really achieve higher performance, (i) international expertise is wished for, (ii) access to finance must be ensured and (iii) policy dialogue is key. Additionally regulators play an essential role. Besides their control functions, the regulators collect a wide range of data which can be well used for benchmarking and it was shown that regulators in the Balkans are an interesting entry point to develop the water sector.

[Shukalb homepage](#)

Information about the [Shukalb Conference 2013](#)

[IWA homepage](#)

Contact: [Frank Wiederkehr](#), SDC Western Balkan

Sub-RésEAU LAC agrees on plan of action 2013-2014

The regional face-to-face meeting of the Sub-RésEAU Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) took place on June 3rd, in Matagalpa (Nicaragua). Colleagues from the Global Programme Water Initiatives, the LAC Division (Regional Cooperation) and the Water and Sanitation (AGUASAN) national and regional programmes met to exchange up-dated information on hot topics, important processes and current issues in their programmes, such as SDC's role in the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the advancement of the realization of the HRWS. A set of tasks was agreed, which later, during the Water Team Days 2013 (Bern, June 24-25) were supplemented and the Action Plan 2013-2014 for the Sub-RéSEAU LAC was produced.

Information on F2F meeting and Action Plan, in the Sub-RésEAU's [Web page](#).

Contact: [Sergio Perez](#), SDC LAC

Successful participatory planning: Hand-over of water supply system to local operator in Tajikistan

On March 19th, 2013, the Tajikistan Water Supply and Sanitation Project (TajWSS) officially handed over a drinking water supply project to the Rudaki District Authorities. The new system provides water to 7,800 people in 5 villages, located in the Rohati Jamoat of Rudaki District. It includes 20 km of pipes, 137 communal stand-taps, a 165 cubic meter reservoir, a spring catchment and protection, and chlorination facilities. All decision-making processes were consulted and informed by women. Thus design of the system was discussed with men and women separately in all 5 villages before the construction.



[Project fact sheet](#)

[Homepage of Tajikistan Water Supply and Sanitation Network](#)

Contact: [Ruslan Sadykov](#), SDC Tajikistan

The legislation of water committees as an important step towards sustainable management of water supply

Since 2003, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HSI) is involved in construction and rehabilitation of gravity water supply systems in Haiti. The main objective of the SDC-funded project called EPA-V is to improve access to WASH services including access to drinking water in the rural areas of three communities (Verrettes, Lachapelle and Savanette). The involvement of local communities in building up the management structures is a requirement of the national water regulator (DINEPA). Therefore HSI supports the election of new water committees and trains its members in administration and maintenance procedures to ensure transparent management and sustainable use of water supply infrastructures. Read the [whole story here](#).

[Project homepage](#) (in French)

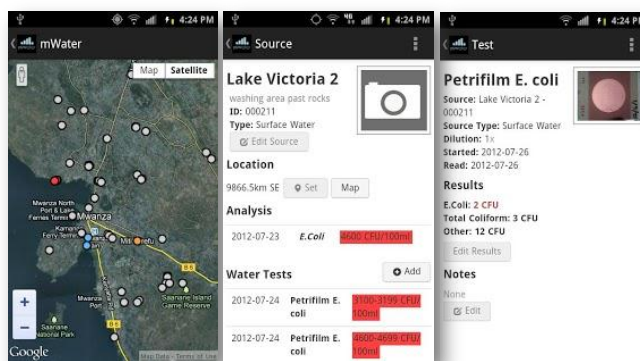
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CURRENT TOPICS

Android app to count *E. Coli*



New enzyme-based tests for indicator bacteria are changing the way microbial water quality monitoring can be done. Sandec at Eawag has partnered with the nonprofit tech startup, mWater, to develop an Android app with which cellphone cameras can count *E. coli* and total coliform colonies on one such product, the Nissui Compact Dry EC plates. An automatic counter can reduce user error and simplify sample processing. The mWater app includes a colony counter for a similar testing product (3M Petrifilm), along with Sanitary Inspection forms and GPS functions. It requires a 5 MP autofocus camera for best results and is [free for download](#)



[Homepage of mWater](#)

Contact: [Chris Zurbrugg](#), Eawag/Sandec

Water Access Survey in Sierra Leone exposes shocking failure of water points and waste of resources

An independent study conducted by a French NGO Inter Aide, funded by Swiss foundation Pro Victimis, in Sierra Leone at the end of 2010 surveyed all existing water access points across three districts, documenting in detail the quality of the 2,859 structures identified. Only 30% of the structures in place were found to be capable of delivering access to safe water throughout the year.

[Find the survey here](#)

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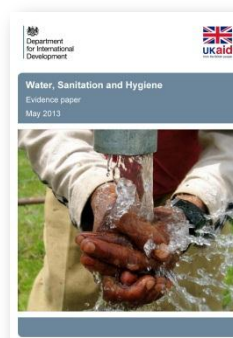
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene evidence paper

This WASH Evidence Paper aims to:

- Provide an accessible guide to existing evidence including a conceptual framework for understanding how WASH impacts on health and well-being and a description of methods used for ascertaining the health, economic and social impacts of WASH
- Present the available evidence on the benefits and cost-effectiveness of interventions on WASH
- Identify what we do know and also what we do not know, and assess the robustness of the available evidence relating to the impact of WASH interventions.
- Disaggregate the benefits, where possible, by gender and poverty and the distribution of the global impacts across regions and economic status of countries.

Commissioned by the DFID Water and Sanitation (WASH) and Research and Evidence Division (RED) teams and undertaken by the DFID-funded Sanitation and Hygiene Applied Research for Equity (SHARE) research programme consortium.

[Download the report here](#)

**New Background Papers from GWP Technical Committee**

- *International Law - Facilitating Transboundary Water Cooperation*, GWP Technical Committee Background Paper No 17, by Prof. Patricia Wouters, [Download](#)
- *The Economic Value of Moving Toward a More Water Secure World*, GWP Technical Committee Background Paper No 18, by Dale Whittington, Claudia Sadoff and Maura Allaire, [Download](#)

[GWP Background Papers](#)

New RWSN Publication: Human Right to Water: What does it mean in Practice?

The Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) has published an edited transcript of the World Bank-RWSN webinar with the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, Catarina de Albuquerque. It should enable rural water supply professionals and practitioners to understand more about what the human right to water means in practice.

The RWSN Equity and Inclusion group ran a three week e-discussion (via email) on the human right to water in April/May 2012 (hosted on <http://dgroups.org/RWSN/equity>). Over 250 members were invited to share their hopes, fears, questions and suggestions about how the human right to water affects the finance, planning and implementation of rural water supply projects. It was an interesting discussion and formed the basis for a letter with six questions to Catarina de Albuquerque, the first UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation. She responded to the letter in a World Bank-RWSN webinar in June 2012, and answered further questions from participants.

[Download the report](#)

Contact: [Sean Furey](#), RWSN

What happens when the pit latrine is full?

The July edition of Waterlines is all about faecal sludge management. The issue includes, among many others, the following papers:

- *Adventures in search of the ideal portable pit-emptying machine*, by David Still, Mark O’Riordan, Angus McBride, et al.
- *The importance of understanding the market when designing pit-emptying devices*, by Steven Sugden
- *Inefficient technology or misperceived demand: the failure of Vacutug-based pit-emptying services in Bangladesh*, by Aftab Opel, M. Khairul Bashar
- *Development of urban septage management models in Indonesia*, by Kevin Tayler, Reini Siregar, Budi Darmawan, et al.

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WHO Technical Notes for Emergencies

WHO recently published several technical notes on actions in emergency situations. These four-page illustrated notes have been prepared to assist those working immediately or shortly after an emergency to plan appropriate responses to the urgent and medium-term water and sanitation needs of affected populations.

Examples:



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[Hygiene promotion in emergencies](#)



[Measuring chlorine levels in water supplies](#)



[Technical options for excreta disposal](#)

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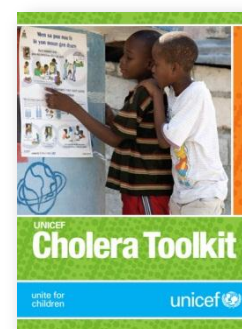
[Find other useful resources here](#)

UNICEF launches groundbreaking cholera toolkit

To tackle the alarming resurgence of cholera, UNICEF has launched a new comprehensive Cholera Toolkit on 15 May 2013. The Toolkit provides the health and WASH sectors an integrated approach to cholera prevention, preparedness and response. In addition it includes specific content linked to education, nutrition, communication for development (C4D), child protection and other relevant sectors.

[Link to the toolkit](#)

[Center of Disease Control and Prevention](#)



Selected ADB publications on water

- *River Basin Planning Principles: Procedures and Approaches for Strategic Basin Planning*, UNESCO /ADB, May 2013, [Download](#), [more Info](#)
- *Basin Water Allocation Planning: Principles, Procedures and Approaches for Basin Allocation Planning*, UNESCO /ADB, May 2013, [Download](#), [more info](#)

[Other ADB Water publications](#)

CALENDAR**SWP at the World Water Week, Stockholm****September 1-6, 2013**

This year's thematic scope of the WWW is: Water Cooperation – Building Partnerships. The questions to be addressed in 2013 include: why do we need to cooperate, on what, for what aim, at what level, with whom and, not least, how?

Eight Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) members co-host jointly with the SWP Secretariat the Swiss booth at the World Water Week 2013 in Stockholm under the umbrella topic cross sector water cooperation. The rotative ownership assures that each member owns the booth for up to one full day. This stand should become a Swiss HUB to exchange about water expertise with existing or potential future partners throughout the World Water Week. Highlights include thematic events and networking aperitifs organised by the members as well as a panel discussion regarding the 'Swiss Position on a dedicated Water Goal in the post-2015 Development Agenda' followed by an official reception organised by the Swiss Embassy.

[Program of the SWP stand](#)

[Side event](#): Turning Water Integrity Challenges into Opportunities

[World Water Week](#)

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Transboundary Water Cooperation, Geneva, Switzerland September 23-24, 2013

The Workshop "River Basin Commissions and Other Joint Bodies for Transboundary Water Cooperation: Legal and Institutional Aspects" convened in the International Year of Water Cooperation aims to highlight opportunities and inspire effective practices/solutions in advancing the legal and institutional frameworks and tools for transboundary water cooperation through the exchange of experience and cross-fertilization within existing joint bodies, as well as to support the emergence of new joint bodies on transboundary water cooperation.

[Information notice](#)

Conference 2000-liter-society, Lucerne, Switzerland**September 26, 2013**

A practice oriented discussion on the sustainable use of water will be held in a conference on the 26th of September in the Hotel Schweizerhof in Lucerne. The conference is the forum to comment on the real vision, to bring in ideas and to discuss the most important spheres of activity. Closing date for registration is September 9, 2013

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The Budapest Water Summit**October 8-11, 2013**

Various international bodies are engaged in the assessment of existing and the elaboration of future water-related development goals, including a sustainable development goal. With a view to assess and summarise these activities as well as to provide guidance for future work the Government of Hungary, in cooperation with the UN system and the World Water Council, organises a global conference: the Budapest Water Summit in Budapest, the capital city of Hungary, between 8-11 October 2013.

[Conference homepage](#)

The Amsterdam International Water Week**November 4-8, 2013**

The Amsterdam International Water Week (AIWW) has been initiated to devise integrated solutions to enable life in delta cities. The conference is unique because it crosses the boundaries between water management and coastal management, drinking water and agriculture, energy and water supply, as well as spatial planning and wastewater.



[Conference homepage](#)

[Conference program](#)

7th World Water Forum, Daegu, Republic of Korea**April 12-17, 2015**

Save the date and check the World Water Forum website regularly for latest information and announcements

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ABOUT

"SDC Water News" is the electronic news bulletin of SDC's Global Program Water Initiatives sent out to Swiss international cooperation people who are loosely organised in the water network "RésEAU".

RésEAU aims at assuring the sector knowledge management within SDC and with its partners. It's anchored in the Global Programme Water Initiatives and the network's focal point is Manuel Thurnhofer.

"SDC Water News" lives through interaction and active involvement and you are invited to send – at any time – your contributions, feedbacks, as well as subscription issues to the editor. The news team is grateful for any input received.

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